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In re the application of: Akira MATSUMOTO and Masashi FUKUYAMA

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For: RIBBONED POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, AND POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY USING THE SAME

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(37 CFR §1.114)

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 - i. ☒ Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. ☐ Payment of the issue fee
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 - ☐ A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
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 - ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
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- ☐ Amendment filed _____.
- ☐ Brief on Appeal filed _____.
- ☐ Other:

4. Enclosed herewith is/are:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
- ☒ An Amendment
- ☐ New arguments
- ☐ New evidence in support of patentability
- ☐ Other:

5. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

RCE Filing Fee (37 CFR §1.17(e))						\$ 790.00
Claims	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	No. of Extra Claims Present		
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Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	0	\$ 200.00	
Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					\$ 360.00	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Extension of Term</u></p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 CFR §1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> One Month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ 120.00</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Two Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 450.00</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Three Months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$1,020.00</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><input type="checkbox"/> An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.</p>						
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.						
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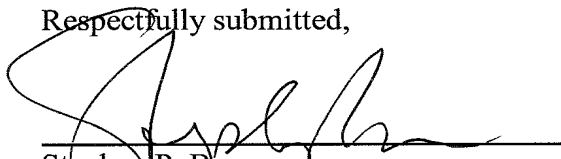
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